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Department disturbed indications both Germans and British delegations Working Group may have instructions suspend harmonization draft reply to Soviet note. Bonn and London should ascertain whether this true. If so, Ambassadors Bonn and London should immediately take up at highest level, urging necessity Working Group proceeding speedily completion this part of task, by early next week, if possible. Most important not RPT not to give impression of Western hesitation or vacillation by delaying reply. Having chosen Working Group as ~~instrument~~ instrument for coordination (to which US reluctantly agreed) should continue use it without further loss of time.

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